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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A cooking chamber assembly [[in]] <u>for</u> a microwave oven, comprising:

a case having a cooking chamber formed therein and an opening <u>formed</u> in a front <u>part portion</u>;

a tray provided in the case to form a bottom of the cooking chamber; and a unitary gasket having an inner edge surrounding portion configured to surround an outer edge of the tray, and a part of an outer surface [[in]] portion configured to make close contact with an inside surface of the case so as to form a seal between the tray and the case.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the gasket includes comprises a groove caved formed along [[the]] an inner edge for inserting the portion thereof and configured to receive an edge of the tray therein.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein [[the]] an outer edge portion of the gasket further includes comprises a lip projected

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from the outer edge of projecting outward from the gasket to outward to be continuous along

the outer edge so as to be in make contact with opposite insides inner side surfaces and a rear

side surface of the inner case for enhancing so as to make close contact with [[an]] the inside

surface of the case.

4. (Currently Amended) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 3,

wherein the lip is sloped such that an end thereof is directed [[an]] outward upper side and

upward from an inner portion of the gasket.

5. (Currently Amended) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 1,

wherein the gasket has a top surface sloped such that a height of the outer edge is higher greater

than a height of the inner edge.

6. (Original) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the

gasket is formed of rubber.

7. (Original) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 5, wherein the

rubber is silicone.

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- 8. (Currently Amended) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim [[6]] 1, wherein the gasket is formed separate from the tray.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim [[6]] 1, wherein the gasket is formed as a unit with the tray by insert molding.
- 10. (Currently Amended) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 1, further comprising an air duct mounted provided on an upper [[part]] portion of an inside of the case to form a ceiling of the cooking chamber for providing and configured to provide an air circulation passage.
- 11. (Currently Amended) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 10, wherein the air duct is fixed further comprises at least one hook configured to fix the air duct directly to the upper [[part]] portion of the inside of the case directly by means of hooks.
- 12. (Currently Amended) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 11, wherein the air duct includes comprises a panel forming a ceiling configured to form an upper surface of the cooking chamber, a plurality of walls around extending from outer edges of the panel, a plurality of apertures for passing configured to allow passage of air therethrough, and

a flange extended extending horizontally [[to]] forward from a top an upper portion of [[the]]

a front wall, one of the plurality of walls, adjacent to the opening, and a plurality of elastic hooks

each extended upward from the wall, and wherein the case includes a plurality of inserting

comprises at least one insertion holes hole formed in an upper part for inserting, and fastening

the hooks portion thereof, and wherein the at least one insertion hole is configured to receive

and to engage the at least one hook.

13. (Currently Amended) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 12,

wherein the air duct further includes comprises a plurality of projections projected backward

from [[the]] a rear wall opposite to the front wall of the plurality of walls, and wherein the case

further includes comprises a plurality of holes formed in an inside inner portion of a rear wall

for receiving and holding the thereof, wherein each of the plurality of holes is configured to

receive and to hold a corresponding projection of the plurality of projections.

14. (Currently Amended) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 12,

wherein the at least one hook is provided to comprises an elastic hook extending upward from

the front wall.

15. (Currently Amended) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 12, wherein the <u>at least one</u> hook includes; <u>comprises:</u>

an elastic body extended portion extending upward from the front wall [[,]]; and a wedge formed shaped head having configured to form a predetermined gap between a bottom surface of the head and a top surface of the flange.

- 16. (Currently Amended) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 15, wherein the gap is the same with, or smaller than less than or equal to a thickness of a part the inserting portion of the case where the at least one insertion hole is formed therein.
- 17. (Currently Amended) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 16, wherein the case includes a bracket attached to provided on an upper surface of an inside of the case having, wherein the inserting holes at least one insertion hole is formed therein in a portion of the bracket.
- 18. (Currently Amended) A cooking chamber assembly [[in]] <u>for</u> a microwave oven, comprising:

a case having a cooking chamber formed therein and an opening formed in a front [[part]] portion thereof; and

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an air duct fixed directly to an inside of an upper [[part]] inside portion of the case

directly by hooks at least one hook, having a bottom surface forming a ceiling which forms an

upper surface of the cooking chamber, and provides an air circulating passage wherein the air

duct is configured to form a continuous air circulation passage between an outfit chamber of the

microwave oven and the cooking chamber.

19. (Currently Amended) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 18,

wherein the air duct includes comprises a panel forming which forms a ceiling surface of the

cooking chamber, a plurality of walls around extending from outer edges of the panel, a plurality

of apertures for passing of configured to allow air to pass therethrough, and a plurality of at least

one elastic hooks each extended hook extending upward from at least one of the [[wall]] plurality

of walls, and wherein the case includes a plurality of inserting holes at least one insertion hole

formed in an upper part for inserting, and fastening the hooks the hooks portion thereof,

wherein the at least one insertion hole is configured to receive and to engage the at least one

<u>hook</u>.

20. (Currently Amended) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 19,

wherein the at least one hook is provided to the on a front wall of the plurality of walls, and

wherein the front wall is adjacent to the opening.

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21. (Currently Amended) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 20,

wherein the air duct further includes comprises a flange extended which extends horizontally

[[to]] forward from a top an upper portion of the front wall.

22. (Currently Amended) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 19,

wherein the air duct further includes comprises a plurality of projections projected backward

which each project outward from [[the]] a rear wall opposite to the front wall of the plurality of

walls, and wherein the case further includes comprises a plurality of holes formed in an inside

of inner rear wall for receiving and holding the projections thereof, wherein each of the plurality

of holes is configured to receive and hold a corresponding projection.

23. (Currently Amended) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 21,

wherein the at least one hook includes; comprises:

an elastic body extended portion configured to extend upward from one of the

[[wall,]] plurality of walls; and

a wedge formed shaped head having, wherein a predetermined gap is formed

between a bottom lower surface of the head and a top an upper surface of the flange.

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24. (Currently Amended) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 23, wherein the gap is the same with, or smaller than less than or equal to a thickness of a part the inserting portion of the case where the at least one insertion hole is formed therein.

- 25. (Currently Amended) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 24, wherein the case includes a bracket attached to provided on an upper surface of an inside inner portion of the case having, wherein the inserting holes at least one insertion hole is formed therein in a portion of the bracket.
- 26. (New) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the seal formed by the unitary gasket is configured to prohibit a passage of fluid therethrough.
- 27. (New) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 3, wherein the lip is formed continuously along three of four outer edge portions of the gasket.
- 28. (New) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 9, wherein the bracket is formed by insert molding.

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29. (New) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 15, wherein the elastic body portion of the at least one hook is configured to flex within a corresponding cutaway portion formed in the front wall.

- 30. (New) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 29, wherein a dimension of the cutaway portion formed in the front wall is based on a width of a corresponding wedge shaped head.
- 31. (New) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 15, wherein the wedge shaped head is configured to extend beyond an upper surface of the flange.
- 32. (New) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 21, wherein an upper portion of the at least one elastic hook is configured to extend beyond an upper surface of the flange.
- 33. (New) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 23, further comprising at least one cutaway portion formed in the front wall.

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34. (New) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 33, wherein the at least one elastic hook is formed extending from the front wall.

- 35. (New) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 34, wherein the elastic body portion of the at least one elastic hook is configured to flex within a corresponding cutaway portion formed in the front wall.
- 36. (New) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 23, wherein a dimension of the cutaway portion formed in the front wall is based on a corresponding dimension of the at least one elastic hook.
- 37. (New) The cooking chamber assembly as claimed in claim 23, wherein the wedge shaped head is configured to extend beyond an upper surface of the flange.